

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Council

Richard Cole  
John Resha  
Nancy McCormick  
Pat Vache

Staff

Ed Billington, Police Commander  
Don Cairns, Transportation Division Mgr.  
Dave Alm, Transportation Operations Mgr.  
Susan Byszeski, Traffic Safety Education  
Specialist  
Jim Roberts, Assistant Planning Director

Convene  
4:05 p.m.

Adjourn  
5:55 p.m.

**Speed Limits on 185 Avenue NE and 188 Avenue NE from Redmond-Fall City  
Road/SR202 to NE Union Hill Road**

Councilmember Cole announced that the purpose of this meeting is related to the September 7, 2004 agenda items on the above speed limits. This meeting is to allow the Council and staff to discuss this issue and, hopefully, get through Council discussion and allow those in the audience to ask questions.

Councilmember Cole commented that Council had no issues with the staff recommended 30 MPH on 185 Avenue NE.

Mr. Cairns presented background information related to the 188 Avenue NE corridor, which is the main north/south corridor. He reported there is no direct driveway access to 188 Avenue NE, and there is good sight distance on 188 Avenue NE.

Mr. Alm reported briefly on the speed study and the process to set a speed limit for 188 Avenue NE.

Commander Billington, responding to a question regarding enforcement of traffic rules in this area, advised that the Police Department has not seen any problems in this corridor. He reported that the majority of tickets written are to residents and those that work in the area. He confirmed that there are two school bus stops in the corridor, and no safety problems have been reported.

Councilmember Cole invited questions from the audience. The following persons spoke: Srinivas Kandibanda, Jeff Kirkwood, Miguel Rodriguez, Melanie Strom, and Tom Xanthos representing the Woodbridge Community. Michael Johnson from Genie Industries, Forest Lane and Tim Meyer from Lakeside Industries, and Steve Whitescarver from Cadman Gravel.

Some of the issues raised by the community were:

- Debris from the trucks littering the roadway
- Damage to the roadway caused by trucks
- Frequency of truck trips (one every minute)
- Speed of truck traffic
- Level of enforcement of traffic laws
- Truck noise
- Vibration from trucks
- Uncovered trucks
- Safety at school bus stops
- Lowered property values

There were some references to land use issues, and the audience was reminded this discussion dealt only with speed limits.

Councilmember McCormick indicated she would contact the City Attorney for his opinion to a question regarding a Community Development Guide reference to Southeast Redmond land use transition requirements that would require existing businesses to build berms and other measures to control noise and traffic issues for a neighborhood.

Representatives from the surrounding businesses noted the measures they have taken to address many of the concerns of the citizens. They also stated they wanted to be good neighbors, and would like to meet with the community representatives to come to an agreeable resolution on the issues.

Council members reminded the public that it is the homeowner's responsibility to note the surroundings and to check with the city regarding permits and future plans before finalizing a decision to purchase a home or condo. The businesses, they advised, were there long before the homes were built. They also encouraged the community to email the Council with any questions, and the Council ombudsman would respond.

Commander Billington encouraged the community to contact the Police Department for Block Watch information. He reported that the city has had excellent results from Block Watch neighborhoods. He also explained the Police Department speed trailer is available and explained how it is used.

Ms. Byszeski advised that the city is developing a website to address the issues expressed by the community and it will be available sometime next week.

Councilmember McCormick advised that the 185 and 188 Avenue NE speed limit ordinances will be on the October 5, 2004 Council agenda.

The committee thanked the citizens and the business representatives for their participation at this City Council Public Safety Committee.

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